



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Depuydt et al	)	
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Application No. 10/697,206	)	Examiner: G. Graham
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For: Brush Head For Toothbrush	)	Confirm No. 2209

DECLARATION OF GORDON GUAY  
IN SUPPORT OF REQUEST FOR INTERFERENCE

Gordon Guay, a citizen of the United States, residing at 18 Regina Drive, Chelmsford, Massachusetts, 01924, U.S.A., hereby states that:

1. He is a Principal Scientist employed by the Gillette Company. He received a B.S. degree in Biology from the University of Lowell (Massachusetts) in 1984 and a Ph.D. in Molecular Genetics from the University of Illinois in 1989.

2. He has been employed by the Gillette Company for 10 years from 1995 to the present time. He is currently employed as a Principal Scientist for the Product Innovation and Technology Group of The Gillette Company in Needham, Massachusetts.

3. From June 1995 to June 1998 he was employed by the Gillette Company in Boston, Massachusetts in the Oral Care Group as a Research Scientist where he worked on the development of oral care products for Oral-B and Braun owned by the Gillette Company.

4. In 1997 he met with Joseph A. Depuydt on a number occasions at the Gillette plant in Boston, Massachusetts and had discussions with Mr. Depuydt regarding a toothbrush head for an electric toothbrush being developed by Mr. Depuydt. He knew that Mr. Depuydt was working on a brush head which included a rotary brush and a reciprocating inter-dental probe.

6. From the discussions with Mr. Depuydt, he understood that the brush head was intended for use on a power handle of an electric toothbrush and that the brush head included

a rotary brush capable of oscillating motion about its axis and a slidable core with one or more fibers capable of reciprocating motion relative to the rotary brush.

7. In late 1997 or early 1998 Mr. Depuydt showed him a prototype of the dual motion toothbrush head made by Mr. Depuydt. The prototype included a rotary brush capable of oscillating motion about its axis and a slidable core with one or more fibers mounted within the rotary brush and capable of reciprocating relative to the rotary brush.

8. In late 1997 or early 1998 Mr. Depuydt demonstrated the operation of the prototype to him. Mr. Depuydt attached the brush head to the output shaft of a conventional power handle of an electric toothbrush. When the power handle was turned on, the rotary brush oscillated about its axis and the slidable core reciprocated relative to the rotary brush. Because the motion of the slidable core was difficult to see when operated by the power handle, Mr. Depuydt demonstrated the operation of the prototype by manually oscillating the rotary brush about its axis to produce vertical reciprocation of the core relative to the rotary brush.

9. The undersigned further states that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issued thereon.

Date:

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Gordon Guay